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1. Prior to 27 October 1952, a bonus payment to SMV personnel totaling 6,000,000 schillings was authorized by the Soviet authorities. Individual payments ranged from 12 to 1,000 schillings but members of the Werkschutz (factory guards) did not share in the benefits.
2. Resulting dissatisfaction in the ranks of the Werkschutz was expressed openly and Soviet officials, in retaliation, ordered that responsible persons report for disciplinary action. The orders were issued by the Soviet chief of the Werkschutz, Director General Zavialov, who recently returned from Moscow, and his deputy Khromin. Several members of the Werkschutz were disciplined and it was stated that Werkschutz personnel held better positions than regular SMV employees, which explained why they had not received bonuses.
3. Werkschutz personnel have been further alienated by the withholding of one percent of their salaries for the Austrian Communist Party election fund and also by a "voluntary" contribution of 50 schillings for the benefit of the Party.¹

1. [] Comment: The same measures to build up the Austrian Communist Party election fund have been introduced recently in all USIA plants. It is reported that they have met with resistance especially at the factory of C. P. Goerz GmbH, Vienna X, Sonnleithnerstrasse 5, where a large number of Party memberships were allegedly cancelled.

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